

# COME OUT COMIX

ONE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE

by  
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GOOD GRIEF  
IS THIS ALL THERE IS?

HAPPY

PART I - THE INNER STRUGGLE

HOMO DREAMS!

PART II - RETREAT FROM X-Y-LAND

THINK  
THINK  
THINK

PART III - COMING OUT

PART IV - A CRUNCH



to Debbie  
with love

# COMING OUT

It all started  
one quiet lonely  
night...

GOOD GRIEF  
IS THIS ALL  
THERE IS?



ONE PERSON'S  
EXPERIENCE!

WHOOPEE!

my mom

THE STORY OF A "NEW LESBIAN"

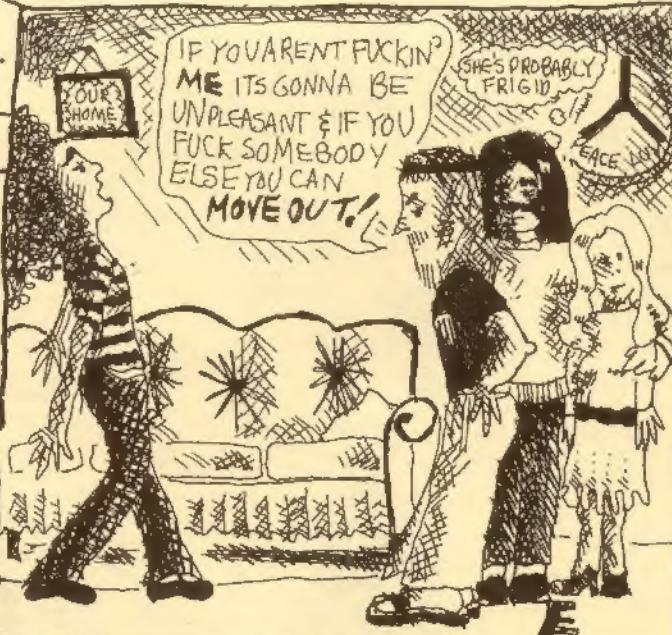
Living alone  
was sort of  
a DRAG, but  
it was better  
than the  
place I was  
COMING  
from...

IF YOU AREN'T FIXIN'  
ME IT'S GONNA BE  
UNPLEASANT & IF YOU  
FUCK SOMEBODY  
ELSE YOU CAN  
MOVE OUT!

SHE'S PROBABLY  
FRIGID

PEACE

BUT  
BEING AN  
INDEPENDENT  
WOMAN  
WASN'T ALL  
I THOUGHT  
IT WOULD  
BE...



MY WORK WAS GOING WELL...



BUT...



AFFAIRS SEEMED HARDLY WORTH THE TEMPTATION... PASSION WAS  
SOME TIMES FRUITLESS, EVEN THE NICEST BOYS HAD EGO  
PROBLEMS RESULTING IN STRANGE PREJUDICES...

I HEARD ABOUT  
THAT THE GUYS





I TRIED TO  
THINK ABOUT OTHER  
TIMES WHEN I WAS  
HAPPIER AND LIFE  
SEEMED FULL OF  
ADVENTURE AND REAL  
FRIENDSHIP - I TRIED TO  
KNOW THAT GOOD TIMES  
AREN'T AS FAR A-  
WAY AS THE PAST...

HITCHING UP  
NORTH WITH RUTHIE ...

IN  
COLLEGE  
THEY  
LOCKED  
THE WOMEN  
UP IN  
THE DORMS  
AT  
TWELVE  
MIDNIGHT.



WE RESENTED IT BUT  
WE HAD FUN PARTIES AND IT'S  
WAS THE ONLY TIME WE WERE  
ALL TOGETHER.

AND IN THE SPRINGTIME  
WE TOOK A BLAKE COURSE  
AND READ POETRY AND PRESS-  
ED ROACHES\* IN OUR BOOKS...



BUT EVEN THEN THERE WERE DOUBTS IN MY MIND,  
ABOUT WHERE I WAS IN ALL THIS, I HAD FRIENDS AND  
DEFINITELY GOOD TIMES - BUT EVEN BEFORE I REACHED  
THAT WORKED-OVER CITY CHICK DEAD END, I HAD

# FICKING FEARS

AND WHAT WAS I AFRAID OF?

RUTHIE'S BODY  
GENTLY BUMP-  
ING AGAINST  
MINE IN THE  
BACK SEAT  
OF A CAR.

THE  
GREAT  
TIMES  
I HAD IN  
THE SHOWER.  
MASTUR-  
BATING!

I DREAMT  
OF KISS-  
ING MY  
COUSIN  
MARY  
JANE  
FEDERBETTER

EVERYBODY  
HAS HOMO-  
SEXUAL DREAMS

YOU'LL  
GET  
OVER  
IT

ORGASM

EVEN  
DREAMT  
ABOUT  
MY MOTHER!  
HAPPY DAD!

IN A WAY I THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LOT  
BUT I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT AT ALL!!

DO NOT  
THINK.

I AM A  
FULFILLED  
WOMAN



WHERE IS RUTHIE NOW?

ALL  
THESE  
THINGS  
CAME  
BACK TO ME  
NOW  
AND I WONDERED.

HEY LET'S  
MOVE BABY  
SORRY  
MAGGI, I  
GOTTA RUN.

I CALLED  
EVA, MY OLD  
COLLEGE  
ROOMATE.

HEY! I'M  
GETTING  
MARRIED.  
CALL ME  
NEXT WEEK  
UNDER MY NEW  
NAME!

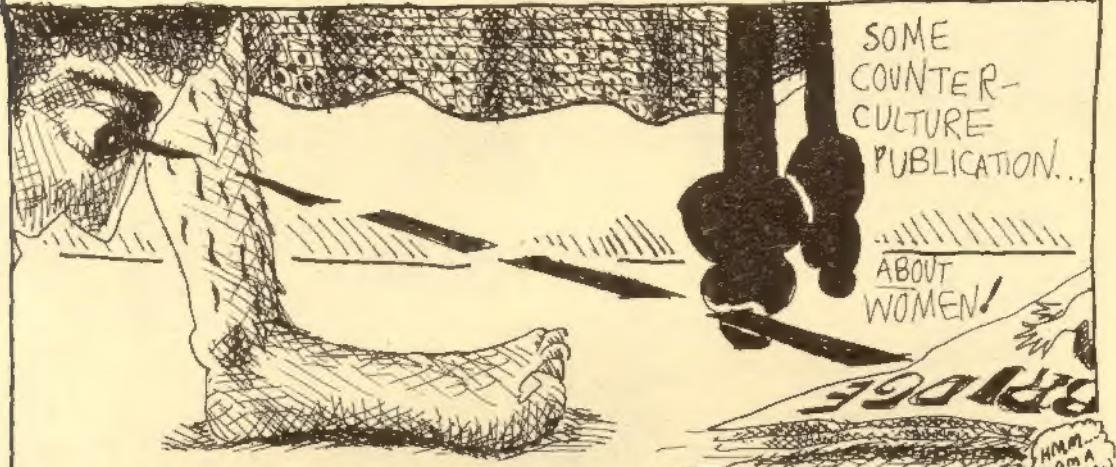
I WROTE  
LETTERS  
TO ALL  
MY OLD  
COLLEGE  
PALS

DEAR NINA,  
YOU ARE  
ONE OF  
THE PEOPLE  
I MOST  
ADMIRED  
BECAUSE  
YOU AL-  
WAYS  
SEEMED  
TO HAVE  
A SENSE  
OF YOUR-  
SELF...

THEY  
NEVER  
ANSWERED.

ALL I REALLY WANTED WAS  
FOR REAL TENDERNESS.

THEN... AMID THE TRASH AND MUCK OF MY LIFE, I NOTICED...



THE PAPER FELL OPEN ON TO  
THE CENTERPAGE, WHICH  
WAS ALL THESE JUMBLED SEN-  
TENCES AND PHRASES...

APPARENTLY, WRITTEN BY LESBIANS IT WAS  
ALL KINDS OF DESCRIPTIONS  
OF THEIR LIVES... AND  
THE TRIPS THEY  
GO THROUGH...

THEN ALL THESE  
INCREDIBLE THOUGHTS & FEELINGS



ME!  
TOO!

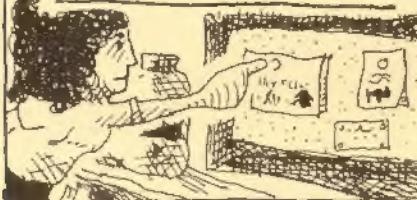
ONCE AND FOREVER!

BUT WHERE  
WERE ALL  
THE OTHER  
LESBIANS??

TO BE CONTINUED! REALLY, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

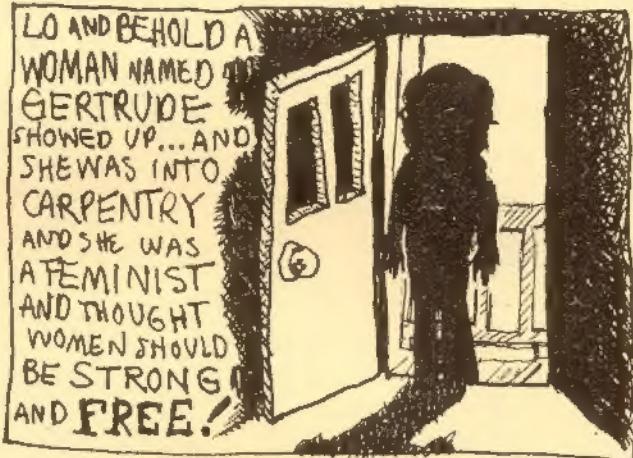


SHE PUT UP A SIGN SPECIFYING  
"A WOMAN WHO WANTS TO LIVE  
WITH WOMEN..."



SHE COULDN'T QUITE SAY THE  
WORD **LESBIAN** EXCEPT TO  
HERSELF!!!

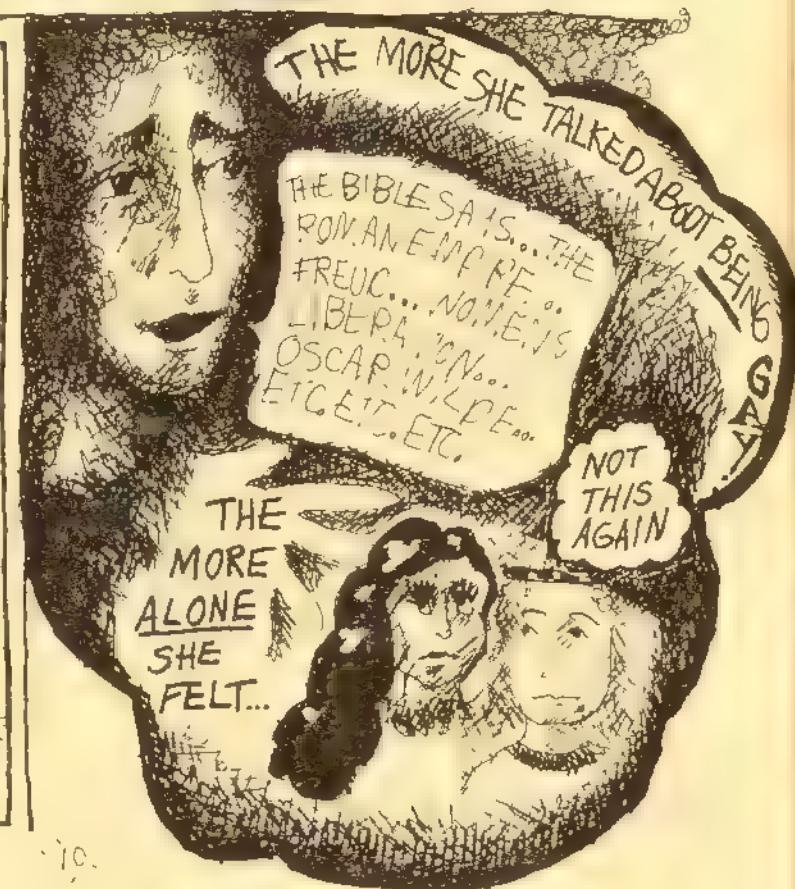
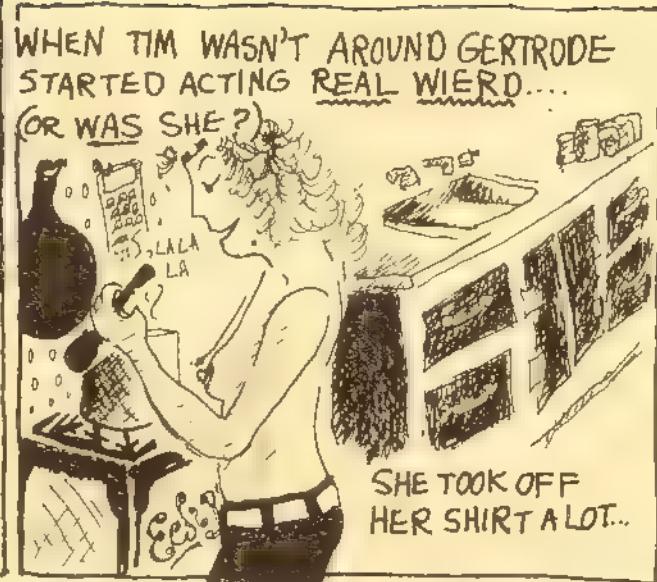
LO AND BEHOLD A  
WOMAN NAMED  
GERTRUDE  
SHOWED UP... AND  
SHE WAS INTO  
CARPENTRY  
AND SHE WAS  
A FEMINIST  
AND THOUGHT  
WOMEN SHOULD  
BE STRONG  
AND FREE!







ABOUT THIS TIME GERTRUDE BROUGHT HOME A BOYFRIEND TIM... SHE STAYED IN HER ROOM A LOT, AND TIM TICKLED HER, BUT SHE NEVER TICKLED HIM (IT SEEMED.).



# ONE NIGHT LOUISE AND GERTRUDE "HAD A TALK" WITH OUR FRIEND...

GERTRUDES BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP, MAGGI, AND I WANT TO HAVE A DINNER PARTY AT MY HOUSE. WE WANT TO INVITE YOU, BUT WE DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL WIERD....

BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT WILL BE GERTRUDE & TIM, JEANNE & PHIL, MOM SEATTLE, AND ME & DONALD OF COURSE..

AND WE FEEL WIERD ALL THE TIME AROUND YOU NOW BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND TO TALK ABOUT AND WE WANNA TALK ABOUT TIM AND DONALD!!

I AGREE

I COULDN'T BELIEVE THIS WAS HAPPENING. I HAD TO BELIEVE IN THEM THEY WERE MY BEST FRIENDS AND THERE WASN'T ANYTHING PERSONALLY OBNOXIOUS ABOUT DONALD AND TIM, IT WAS JUST THE PATTERN OF THINGS AND WHERE I WAS AT, IN THE "GREY AREA". I SAID OF COURSE I WANTED TO COME AND WOULD HAVE BEEN HURT HAD THEY NOT INVITED ME (WHICH WAS TRUE).

GERTRUDES BIRTHDAY CAME.. LOUISE HAD COOKED ALL DAY, THERE WAS A CAKE AND FOUR OTHER COURSES...



BUT ALL DURING DINNER LOUISE COOKED!.



AND ALL DURING DESERT DONALD WASHED DISHES!!

THIS IS RIDIC-  
ULOUS. I GOTTA  
FIND A NEW  
LIFE

WALKING  
HOME,  
MAGGI WAS  
DEEP IN  
THOUGHT,  
WHEN SHE  
NOTICED  
A BRIGHT  
LIGHT!

IT WAS THE FACTORY, DOWN  
THE STREET, BURNING UP!

GIVE UP,  
MK

WHO IS  
THIS WOMAN  
WITH THE  
GLASSES?  
I THINK SHE  
LIVES  
NEXT DOOR



HER NAME WAS KATE AND SHE LIVED JUST DOWN THE STREET.  
WE STARTED TO VISIT EACH OTHER. SHE TOOK WOMEN'S STUDIES  
CLASSES AND SAID SHE WAS INTO SPENDING TIME WITH  
WOMEN WHO SPENT TIME WITH WOMEN... IT SOUNDED NICE.

I COULD TALK TO HER  
ABOUT STUFF. SHE  
HAD SLEPT WITH A  
WOMAN, LIKE LOUISE



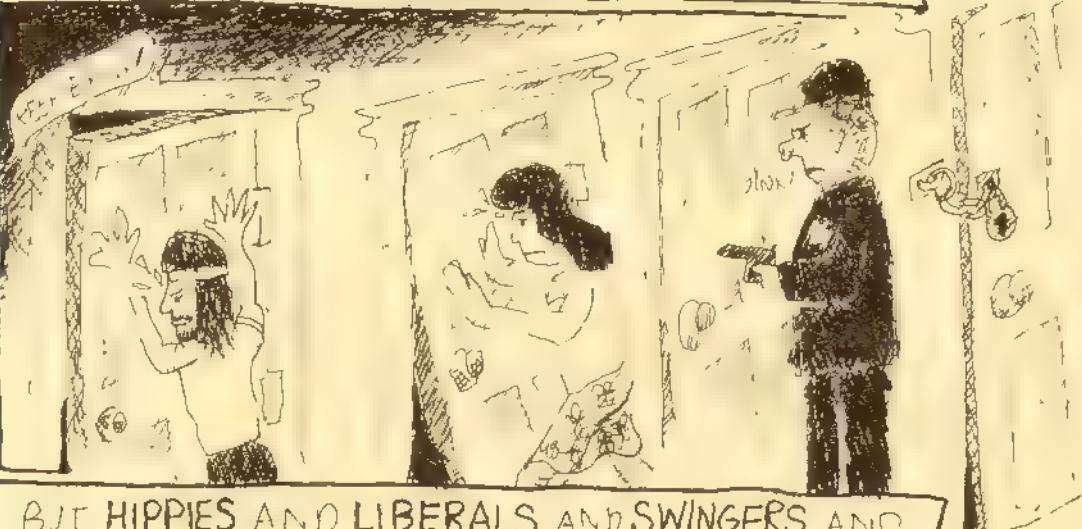
BUT SHE DIDN'T GET  
ALL WIERD AND FUNNY  
ABOUT IT.

I TOLD HER  
ABOUT  
LOUISE AND  
GERTRUDE  
AND THE  
TRIPS I  
THOUGHT  
THEY WERE  
LAYING ON  
ME... AND  
SHE KNEW  
ABOUT IT  
ALREADY!

IT WAS JUST LIKE  
THE PAPER SAID IT WAS

GAY  
OPPRESSION

IT SEEMED LIKE EVERYBODY HAD A VESTED INTEREST  
IN KEEPING GAY PEOPLE IN CLOSETS... NOT  
JUST SCHOOLS AND PARENTS AND POLICE...



BUT HIPPIES AND LIBERALS AND SWINGERS AND  
STRAIGHT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE! BOY WAS I  
GLAD TO FIND A LESBIAN!!

THEN, ONE DAY **KATE** SAID THERE WAS GOING TO BE  
A WOMEN'S PARTY FOR HALLOWEEN, THAT NIGHT!

WE  
SPENT  
THE  
DAY  
TRY-  
ING  
ON  
FUN-  
NY  
CLO-  
THES  
!!

BUT  
IN  
THE  
END  
WE  
DE-  
CID-  
ED  
TO GO  
AS  
OUR-  
SELVES  
!!!





IT WAS SO OVERWHELMING-AND EVERYONE SEEMED TO KNOW  
EVERYONE ELSE (KATE WAS QUICKLY SWALLOWED UP)...NO ONE SPOKE TO ME  
UNTIL....



THE NUN AND THE DUCK  
STARTED A CIRCLE DANCE



SUDDENLY I NOTICED THIS  
WOMAN SITTING BY HERSELF



SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE DIDN'T  
KNOW ANYONE EITHER...

I WANTED TO TALK TO HER, BUT...

MAYBE SHELL  
THINK I'M  
CRUISING

TRYING TO LAY  
THE MAKE  
ON HER...

MAYBE  
SHE WANTS  
TO BE ALONE

BUT SHE LOOKS  
AS LOST AS  
I DO!

WELL... HERE GOES

HI! ER...  
MY NAME'S  
MAGGI..

I'M DOROTHY

DON'T YOU  
LIVE IN A  
BOSTON  
HOUSE?

SAY, THIS  
PARTY IS A  
LITTLE OVER  
WHELMING  
FOR ME!

ME TOO...  
I DON'T KNOW  
A SOUL

WANT TO SO  
OUTSIDE AND  
LUKE A SIGHT?  
SURE

DET. JANE FEE  
THERE'S A  
FESTIVAL  
GOING ON  
IN THE PARK.

JOHN  
OPENED  
UP  
AT THE  
PARTY  
NO! ME TO!!

DET. JANE FEE  
KNOWS  
WE'RE NOT  
LUKE AS THE CAFE  
BEEF AND  
MINE  
MET TOO!

WE FINISHED OUR  
JOINT AND WENT  
BACK TO THE PARTY...



WE SAT TOGETHER ON THE STAIRS  
AND ENJOYED EVERYTHING!



I WENT OVER TO TALK TO KATE  
BUT THERE SEEMED TO BE  
WEIRD VIBES HAPPENING...



KATE DECIDED TO  
LEAVE, I SAID GOOD-  
BYE TO DOROTHY,  
AND KATE AND I  
HITCHED HOME  
AND TALKED...

I MET THIS NEAT WOMAN,  
DOROTHY, WHO FIXES  
CARS, PLAYS BASS,  
STUDIES ANTHROPOLOGY,  
AND WANTS TO  
LIVE IN A  
TEEPEE!

OUR HEADS ARE A  
LOT IN THE SAME SPACE!

WONDER HOW I'LL  
GET TO SEE HER AGAIN?

ARE YOU  
ATTRACTED  
TO HER?

OH YOU MEAN  
NO NOTHING  
LIKE THAT

DON'T WORRY, IT  
WILL ALL WORK OUT

I'M NOT SURE  
I LIKED THE  
PARTY, DIDN'T  
TALK TO ANYONE  
BUT DOROTHY

IT IS TOO BAD MORE  
ENERGY DOESN'T GET  
PUT INTO NEW WOMEN

BUT SOMETIMES  
IT SEEMS LIKE TOO  
MUCH IS GOING  
ON WITH PEOPLE  
YOU ALREADY  
KNOW,  
AND EVERY  
BODY IS SHY

END OF PART II  
HOW CAN MAGGIE  
SEE DOROTHY  
AGAIN W. THOUGHT  
APPEARING  
INTERESTED?

PART  
III

SO MUCH TO THINK ABOUT NOW... A REAL FRIENDSHIP WITH KATE & WHO WERE ALL THOSE WOMEN AT THE PARTY? WHAT DID THEY DO DURING THE DAY?

I DECIDED

I HAD TO PUT LOUISE AND GERTRUDE OUT OF MY LIFE, AND DISCOVER THESE STRONG, NEW STRANGE WOMEN.

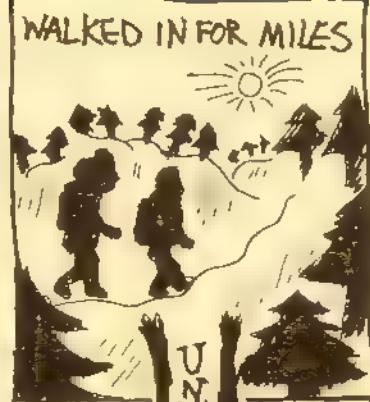
\* AND THEIR BOYFRIENDS



WE HITCHED TO THE RAIN FOREST...



WALKED IN FOR MILES



WE FOUND THE NICEST SPOT BY  
A RIVER, AND DECIDED TO CAMP THERE....



DOROTHY WAS REALLY GOOD AT  
CHOPPING WOOD.....



ONE LONG HOUR LATER...

HEY DOROTHY ARE YOU AWAKE?

YEAH, AND I'M FREEZING

WELL, WE'RE NEVER GONNA GET WARM

WHY DON'T WE SLEEPIN THE SAME BAG.

YOU KNOW NOTHING  
SEXUAL OR ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT!

WELL, MY BAG IS BIGGER I THINK

THEY SLEPT LIKE SPOONS 'TILL MORNING...



LIKE SPOONS



WHEN THEY SHARED A HEARTY BREAKFAST.



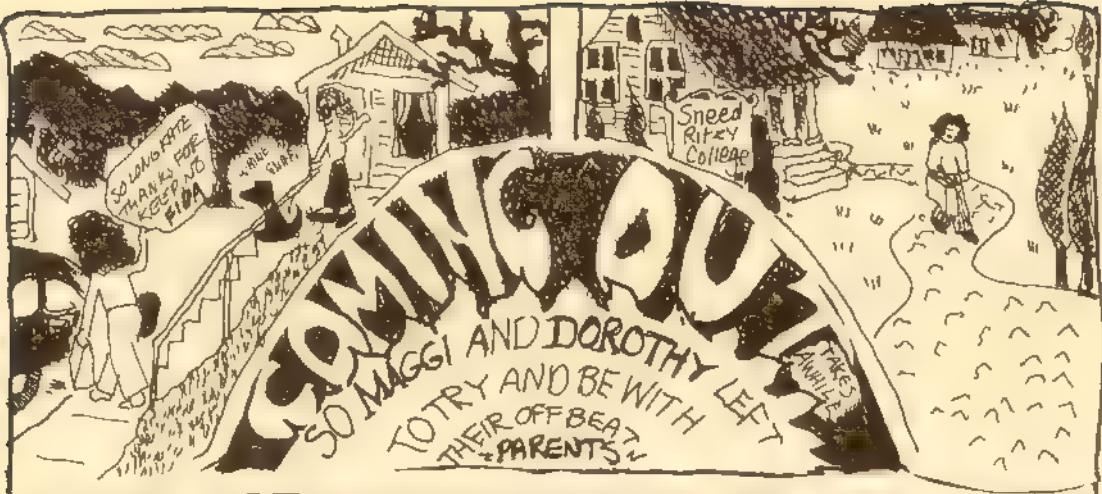
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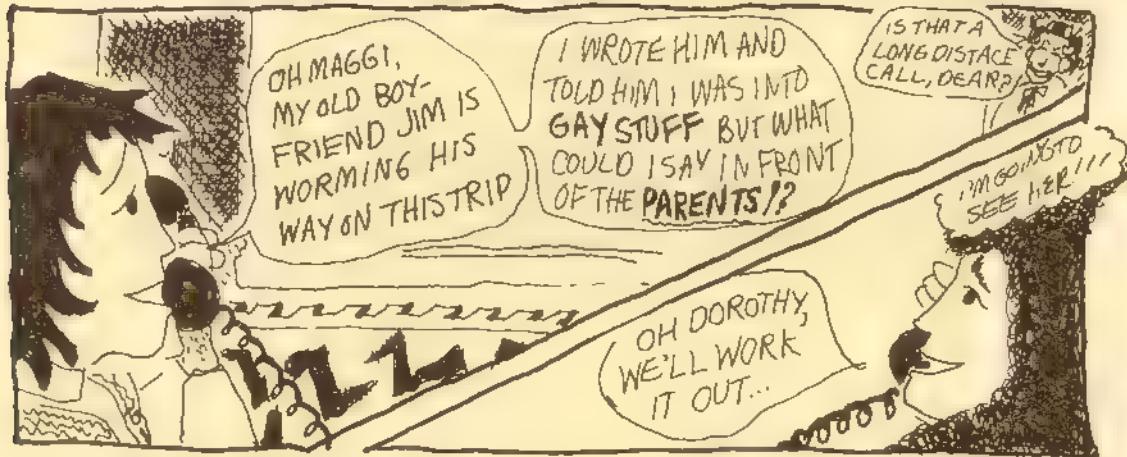
TOO SOON,  
TOO SOON,  
TIME TO  
RETURN TO  
THE CITY...  
BUT THEY  
GOT A  
NEAT  
RIDE  
WITH A  
WOMAN  
ALL THE  
WAY  
BACK!







THEN, THE NIGHT BEFORE THEY LEFT...



DOROTHY DROVE WHILE JIM TALKED ABOUT HIMSELF...



THEY REACHED MAGGI'S HOUSE ABOUT SUNSET, AFTER TWO FLATS...



BUT YOU MUST STAY FOR  
DINNER - YOU CAN'T  
TRY AND MAKE IT TO  
SAN FRANCISCO  
TONIGHT

MAGGI'S  
MOTHER,  
CLARICE  
WAS VERY  
INSISTENT,  
AND WOULDNT  
LET THEM GO...

BETWEEN JIM  
AND MOTHER I'LL  
NEVER GET A CHANCE  
TO TALK TO HER.

PASS THE  
BUTTER, PLEASE

AFTER A TOTALLY  
TENSE  
MEAL, MAGGI  
TURNED ON THE  
T V

... BET  
DOROTHY'S REALLY  
BORED

THAT MAGGI  
DOESN'T LOOK  
LIKE A BULL  
BYKE!

FINALLY, TIME TO RETIRE

JIM, YOU CAN  
HAVE THE COUCH  
DOWN HERE, AND  
DOROTHY W'LL HAVE  
TO SHARE MAGGI'S BED.

THIS WAY!  
OH NO!



I FEEL SO AWKWARD  
LIKE I'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR  
THIS  
MOMENT

HAVE I?

NEVER  
THOUGHT THIS  
WOULD BE  
APPENING

I CAN FEEL  
HER WARMTH  
ALL THE WAY  
FROM HERE

DOROTHY I HAD  
THIS WONDERFUL  
DREAM ABOUT YOU  
THE OTHER NIGHT

YOU DID?

CAN I  
KISS YOU?  
OH, YES!!!

HER BREASTS  
ARE PRESSING  
ON MINE!

HER SKIN  
IS SO  
SOFT

EVER SINCE  
FIRST SAY  
YOU

AND YOU  
HANDED ME  
THAT PERFECT JOINT

I LOVE THE WAY  
YOU KNOW THE  
NAMES OF PLANTS

# # # #

HMMMM  
THAT FEELS  
GOOD



WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?? WILL THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER??  
MONOGAMOUSLY OR POLYGAMOUSLY? AND HOW WILL THEY COME OUT  
INTO THE VAST AND VARIED LESBIAN COMMUNITY???? WELL,  
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT, AND YOU KNOW WHAT  
THAT IS: **COME OUT AND JOIN THE GREAT ADVENTURE!!!**



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